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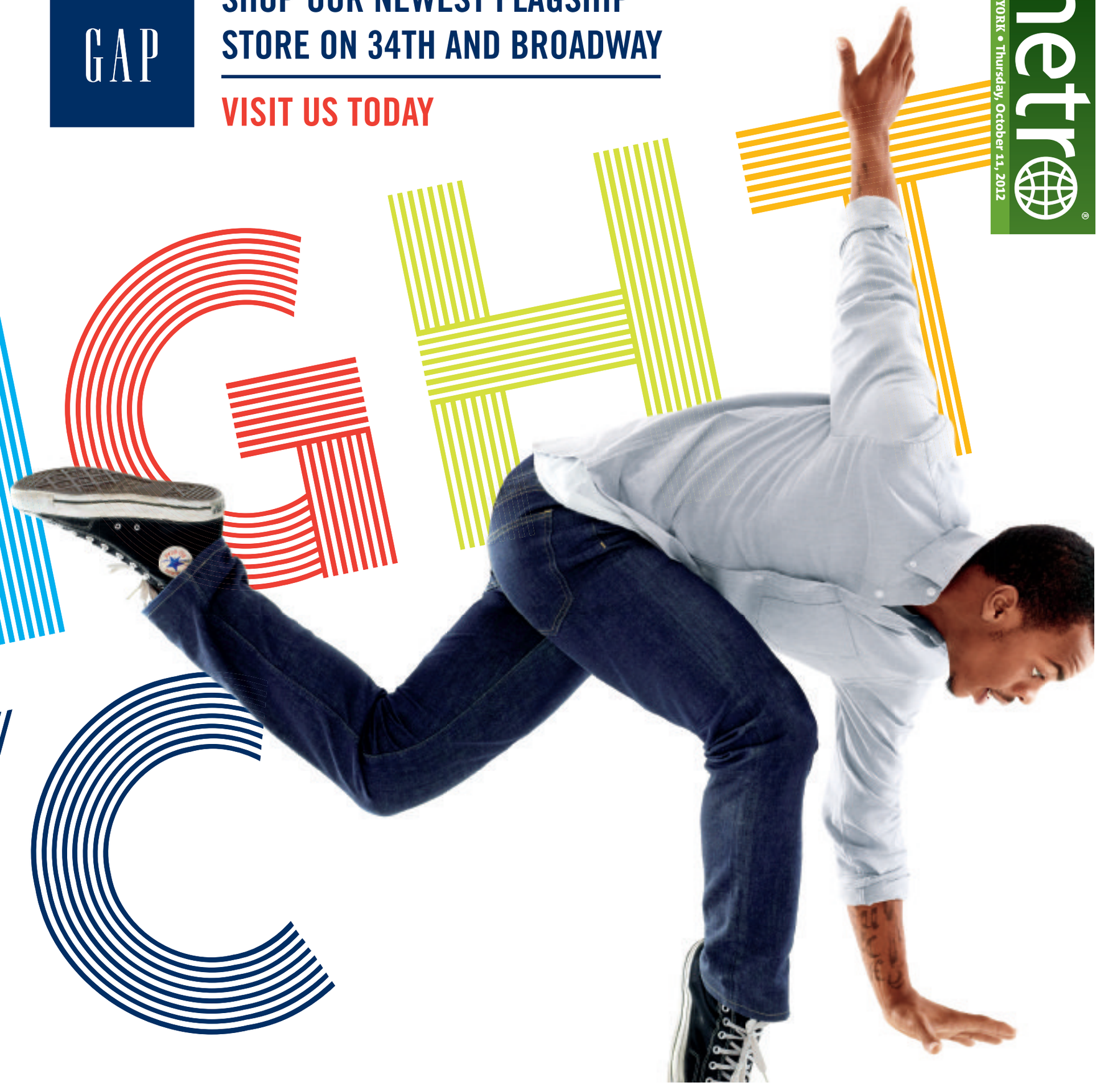

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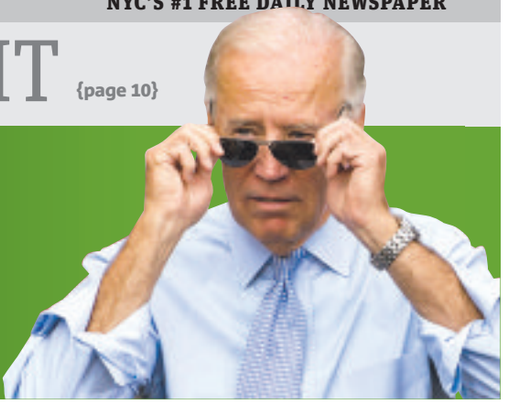

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Hello, Ferris wheel
Goodbye to the view

Mayor Michael Bloomberg thinks a 625-foot Ferris wheel — the world's largest — is what's best for Staten Island But homeowners there say the planned attraction will ruin their sweeping views of New York Harbor {page 02}

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A 'wheel' raw deal

Some Staten Islanders' 'blood is boiling' over planned massive Ferris wheel ◗ Stripping a skyline view for some ◗ World's tallest wheel turns divisive ◗ Public hearings on the issue may begin as early as this fall

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▶ Once the Ferris wheel, which will be the world's largest at 625 feet tall, is erected, it will block this view of Lower Manhattan.

Staten Islanders say plans to have their borough host the world's largest Ferris wheel just aren't fair — and it's more like the world's largest eyesore.

On an island many New Yorkers dismiss as the "forgotten borough," its residents say building the world's tallest wheel is the last thing the area needs.

Announced last month, Mayor Michael Bloomberg promised the 625-foot wheel will be built by 2015, along with a new 350,000-square-foot shopping complex promised to flood the island with tourists — and money.

But not all are lining up to take a ride.

Public input will be sought on divisive wheel

Residents will have a chance to speak their mind.

The wheel must go through a public-approval process, including public hearings, according to the city's Economic Development Corporation.

EDC spokesman Kyle Sklerov told Metro that no hearings are scheduled yet, but he estimated they would begin as early as this fall.

"We look forward to the start of the public-approval process," Sklerov said.

Quoted

"If Mayor Bloomberg thinks it's such a great idea, he should put it in the back of Gracie Mansion and see how he likes it."
CARA LIANDER

"It's very divided on the island right now."
FRANK WILLIAMS

"My blood is boiling," said Cara Liander, 28. Liander just bought an apartment in St. George, Staten Island, drawn there by the pristine skyline view from her living room, kitchen and bedroom.

Now she says the wheel's spokes will slice right through that vista — and possibly lower her property value.

"Is anybody going to buy this place?" she fretted to Metro. "My question is, is it going to go up 20 percent in value or go down 20 percent in value?"

"I don't know what's going to happen," she added. "It's a scary thought."

Even wheel supporters — including community board officials and Borough President James Molinaro — find themselves sparring with neighbors over the wheel.

"I've had more than one Facebook debate already," said lifelong Staten Islander Frank Williams, a musician and director of sponsorship for the Prospect Park Alliance.

"I think it's going to look amazing," he continued.

"It's going to give our shore a distinctive skyline for the first time, and I think that's really going to be key to announcing to the world that Staten Island is here," he added.

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Will it really help the economy?

Liander said she supports creating jobs and new construction. But she questioned whether the wheel — or, as she calls it, "this crazy idea" — would bring people past the shoreline.

- "They're going to come, they're going to take the ferry, they're going to walk five minutes to the Ferris wheel and take the ride. Then they're going to go right back to the ferry and take it back to Manhattan. That's all that's going to happen," she said.
- Bill Levay said losing his view would be a small sacrifice if the Ferris wheel does boost the local economy. But he remained skeptical.
- "The idea here is to keep these people on Staten Island and spend this money," he said. "I still wonder if people will venture any further onto the island."

In the news

Staten Island oxy kingpin sentenced

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced yesterday that a major prescription drug trafficker on Staten Island pleaded guilty. Michael Mancusi will serve seven years in prison. He has also admitted to "doctor-shopping" to find doctors who would prescribe oxycodone and other substances, including Xanax. Charges against additional defendants are pending. METRO/DT

In the news

Anti-Arab graffiti found in Bay Ridge

At 3:30 a.m. on Sunday, graffiti reading "USA Arab UR Dead" and "Where's the Love" in black spray paint was spotted in front of 6817 Third Ave. in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. The police are deeming the incident a hate crime and seeking the public's help in identifying the suspect, seen above. METRO/DT

News in brief

Rooftop farm opens on top of school

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▶ Students at P.S. 64 will have access to a rooftop farm.

EAST VILLAGE. The Robert Simon Complex on Sixth Street in the East Village, already home to the Earth School, P.S. 64, and Tompkins Square Park, now also includes a rooftop garden called Fifth Street Farm.

The garden is designed by Michael Arad, the architect behind the 9/11 memorial.

The rooftop farm spans 2,400 square feet and will be used to teach students about plants and the environment. The students will have the opportunity to grow, harvest and eat herbs, vegetables and fruit.

There is also space for experimentation with things like storm-water capture and solar energy. The garden is unique in part because of its intentionally low-cost design. Preparations for the farm took six years of collaborative effort by parents, students and community partners. Community groups are hoping that the success made out of a challenging space and limited budget will serve as an incentive to establish more farms like this one, and cater to primarily low-income students and communities of color, according to Fifth Street Farm and the Community Development Project of the Urban Justice Center. METRO/DT

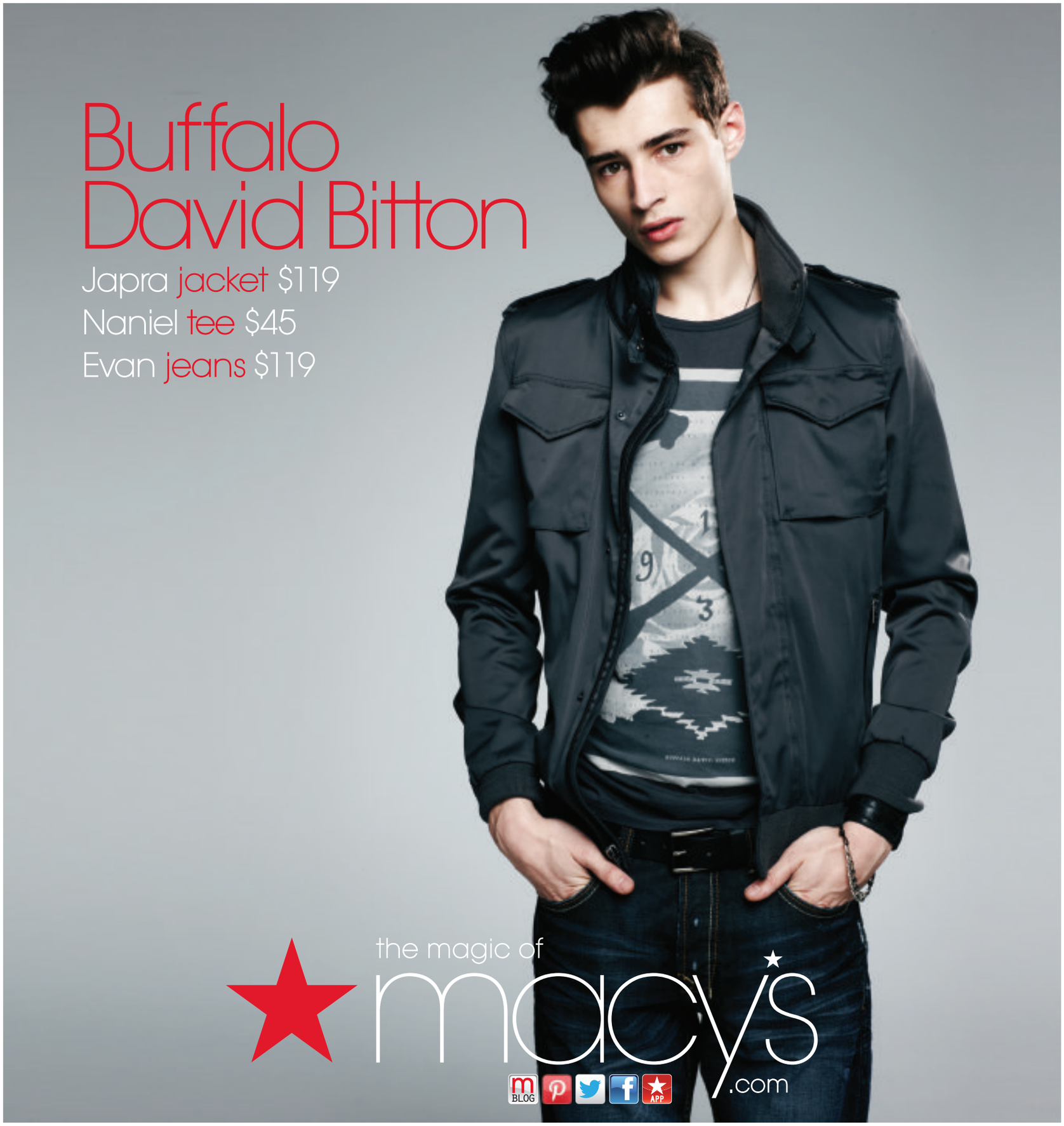
Eco-escalators coming to subways

NEW YORK. Environmentally friendly escalators are coming to the New York City subway system.

A company called KONE has been awarded a contract to supply nine heavy-duty transit escalators as part of the New York City Transit Authority's Second Avenue subway project.

The new subway station at 96th Street and Second Avenue is part of a plan to reduce overcrowding and delays on the Lexington Avenue line and provide better access for residents of the far East Side of Manhattan.

Each escalator will feature an energy-efficient sleep mode that reduces speed when no passengers are on it. REUTERS



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City resistant to reforming NYPD's 'stop and frisk' use

The same week that a dramatic audio recording revealed a New York City police officer calling a Harlem teenager a "f****** mutt" during a street stop, Mayor Michael Bloomberg's administration refused the City Council's attempts to rein in the NYPD's stop-and-frisk policies.

The Nation released audio Monday of a Harlem teenager named Alvin who recorded being stopped by police in June of 2011. Alvin was on his way home from his girlfriend's house when he was approached by the police.

When he asked why he was going to be arrested, cops in the tape told him for being an "[expletive] mutt" and also "threatened to break his [expletive] arm."

NYPD data shows that 684,000 people were stopped by police last year, a 14 percent increase from the year before, and 87 percent were black or Latino.

Council members brought up the video at a hearing yesterday, considering four bills to restrict "stop and frisk" and add an inspector general to watch over the NYPD. An attorney for the Bloomberg administration, Michael Best, said he could not account for the activities of every officer but called the proposed changes unnecessary, citing legal issues with each one. The hearing became heated, with Brooklyn Councilwoman Tish James saying that her neighbor, nephew, doctor and dentist have all been stopped and questioned by the police for no reason.

Bloomberg has pushed back against the idea of an inspector general, telling reporters that to "politicize" the department would make the city less safe.

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A reexamination?

Council Speaker Christine Quinn, who has said that "stop and frisk" should remain a tool for the NYPD but should be examined, called the overwhelmingly stopping of minorities divisive. "That type of a divide is a danger to good policing and a danger to keeping our city safe," she said.

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▶ Many New Yorkers say the NYPD's continued use of "stop and frisk" creates fear of the police and divisions in the city.

Personal stories of being stopped

Kevin Finnegan, director of policies for the healthcare union 1199, said many of its young hospital workers report being stopped. In fact, he said, many started wearing their scrubs on the streets — they are less likely to be stopped if they appear to be going to work.

▶ "Nobody should be stopped because of the way they look," he said. "Too many young people think that because a police officer asks them to empty their pocket, they have to."

Djibril Toure, a Bed-Stuy resident and member of the Communities United for Police Reform, said that he supported the legislation, especially a bill requiring officers to identify themselves and the stop's purpose.

▶ "I have had the experience walking down the street in my own community where I grew up, being stopped, forced to stand against a wall and illegally searched by four officers," he said.

Nicholas Peart testified to the Council about being stopped and frisked, for which he said his mother started preparing him when he was 14. Her advice included not panicking, carrying ID and never running from the police or he would be shot. He has been stopped on his way to get burgers on the Upper West Side, leaving his grandmother's home in Flatbush and walking home from the gym. He said each made him more anxious about cops.

▶ "That hostility needs to go," he told the Council. "It shouldn't be there."

'You want me to smack you?' Harlem teen secretly records police encounter

Alvin, a Harlem teenager, told The Nation that three plainclothes city cops stopped him on the street last June. Two frisked him while the third stayed in the police car, which was unmarked, he said.

Alvin was quick-thinking enough to secretly record the encounter on his phone. During the two-minute recording, police told him that they stopped him because he was looking at them suspiciously and questioned why he had an empty backpack.

They also threaten to hit him and break his arm. Alvin said that during the arrest, they yanked his arm behind his back.

The NYPD has defended the policy, saying they do not racially profile, and it keeps New Yorkers safe.

All on tape

ALVIN: I just got stopped like two blocks away
COP: *You know why? You look very suspicious.*
A: Cause you're always looking at me crazy.
C: *Because you keep looking back at us man, don't do that s***.*
A: 'Cause you always ... you're always looking crazy, yo. Coming up the block, always.
C: *That's our job, my man. Listen to me, listen to me. Our job is to look for suspicious behavior. When you keep lookin' at us like that, looking back ...*
A: 'Cause you're always like stopping ... I just got stopped like two blocks away.
C: *Because you keep doing that s*** man, we stopped you last time ...*
C: *Why do you have a f-ing empty backpack?*
A: 'Cause I had my hoodie in there
C: *You have your hoodie on your body. Why you a f-ing wise a**?*
A: Well, it was cold.
C: *You want me to smack you?*
A: You're going to smack me? You're going to smack me?
C: *You a wise a**?*
A: No, you asked me why I had a bookbag on ...
A: Why are you touching me for?
C: *You want to go to jail?*
A: What for?
C: *Shut your f-ing mouth, kid.*
A: What am I getting arrested for?
C: *For being a f-ing mutt. You know that?*
A: That's a law, being a mutt?

"Who the f--- you think you're talking to?" COP

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News in brief

iPhone thief at large in Queens

QUEENS. Police are looking for the man stealing iPhones on at least eight different occasions in the Astoria and Long Island City neighborhoods in Queens.

The suspect, pictured above, comes up behind his victims and snatches their iPhones before running away. None of the victims reported injuries, cops said.

The first robbery occurred on Aug. 1, and the most recent on Sept. 20; more than half were during the same week, from Sept. 15 to 20. On at least three occasions, the thefts occurred on the southbound E platform at the Court Square subway station in Long Island City. One occurred outside the Broadway subway station in Astoria, and the rest in the vicinity of the 36 Av. N and Q subway station, also in Astoria, a few blocks away. Two incidences took place at the same location, 35th Avenue and 28th Street, three days apart. All the thefts occurred no earlier than noon and no later than 9:30 p.m.

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Elderly woman mugged at home on Park Avenue

UPPER EAST SIDE. At 6:10 a.m. Tuesday, a 73-year-old woman living on Park Avenue and East 85th Street returned to her apartment after getting her mail to find an intruder waiting for her, according to police.

The man, who police described as white and in his late 30s, pushed her to the ground and stole her purse. The suspect has not yet been found. METRO/DT

Union Sq. slashing suspect flees US as victim mourned

Detectives on the hunt NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly: Murder may have been a case of mistaken identity Victim's family wants an arrest

BILLY BECERRA/METRO

▶ The coaching staff of the New York Red Bulls and some youth players, many wearing their jerseys, attended the memorial service yesterday at First Baptist Church in White Plains, N.Y.

As hundreds of people turned out yesterday for a memorial service held for Michael Jones, the 25-year-old English soccer coach brutally slain on 14th Street Sunday, his suspected killer remains on the run in Mexico.

The suspect, Orlando Orea, reportedly fled to Mexico on Tuesday, according to the Daily News.

Orea is said to have taken off on an Aeroflot flight from John F. Kennedy airport at around one in the morning, fifteen hours before police put his name on the federal no-fly list.

He paid for the one-way ticket in cash just before boarding the plane.

Police identified Orea based on a surveillance video that captured the gory murder on tape, showing a ponytailed man in a dark jacket. The Associated Press reports that he was also identified by multiple witnesses, including an employee at a tattoo parlor he frequented.

Orea has several aliases: The Daily News reported that he goes by Juaquin Ramirez, and the Associated Press gave Orlando Guttierez and Orlando Estevas as his names, as well. According to the Daily News, Orea has previously been arrested for assault in Nassau County in 2003, and held for 21 days in 2004 for violating an order of protection.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said that it seems likely that the murder was a case of mistaken identity, and that Orea was actually seeking a person he had fought with at a bar on 14th Street, near the murder scene at Fifth Avenue. The fight reportedly involved a woman.

Orea's possible ties to Mexico are unclear, and are being investigated.

The victim's father, Perry Jones, told the Daily News they just want an arrest made.

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Police called to Lohan fight with mother

▶ Lohan

Actress Lindsay Lohan yesterday was involved in yet another public spat — this time with her mother in what Long Island police called a "verbal argument" outside the family home.

Police responded to an early-morning 911 call about a domestic dispute involving Lohan and her mother, Dina, but made no arrests and left the scene shortly after arriving, a spokeswoman for the Nassau County police said.

She said the argument occurred outside Dina Lohan's house on Old Mill Road in Merrick. No injuries were reported.

Yesterday's incident marked the latest in a growing list of public fights involving the 26-year-old actress. Last month, she scuffled with a man at a New York hotel over what media reports described as her demand that photographs he had taken of her be deleted from his cell phone.

A week earlier, Lohan, who has been in and out of court, rehab and prison in recent years, was arrested in New York after a pedestrian told police that her car had struck him in an alley. She was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, a misdemeanor. **REUTERS**

Wildlife. Rescue

▶ Mitik will be bottle-fed every four hours. The hope is that the calf will make his public debut and join the aquarium's other two walruses sometime next year.

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Baby walrus is headed to NYC

A baby walrus will soon call the New York Aquarium home. Mitik, a male, was orphaned off the coast of Alaska. He and another calf, who are unrelated, both lost their mothers and were struggling to survive in the wild. They were discovered by local fishermen about a week apart in July, and each was badly dehydrated and sick. Mitik will require around-the-clock care at the aquarium until he feels better. METRO/CB

News in brief

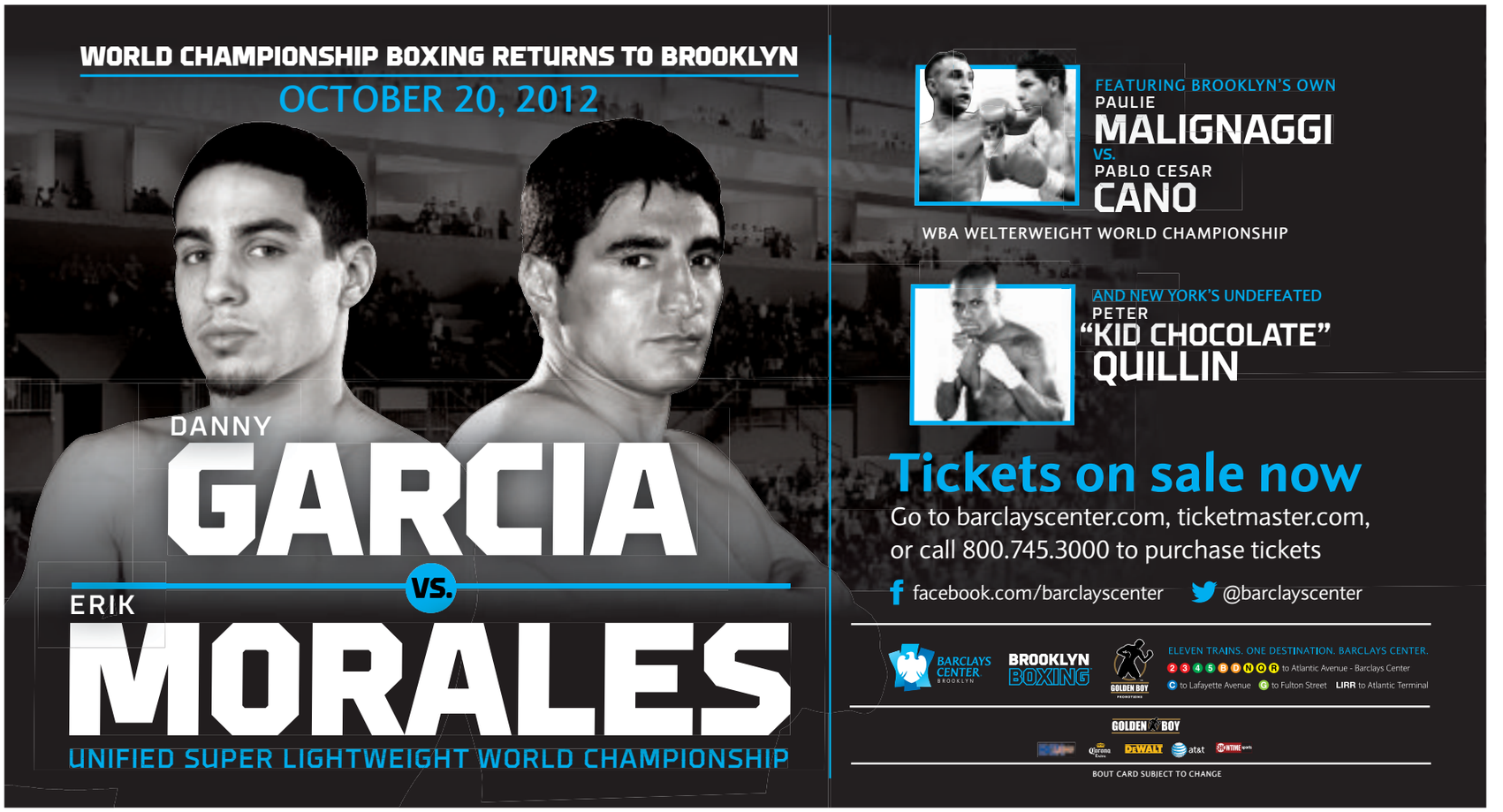
Groups: More bike lanes needed between Queens and Brooklyn

BROOKLYN. Advocacy groups are pushing to expand space for cyclists and pedestrians traveling between Long Island City and Greenpoint, according to Streetsblog.

One option floated by some riders and walkers on Transportation Alternatives' message boards suggests converting one lane of southbound vehicle traffic on the Pulaski Bridge into a two-way bike path. Transportation Alternatives expressed support for the idea, noting it would slow traffic heading into Greenpoint, where speeding along the heavily congested McGuinness Boulevard is an issue. Two-thirds of motorists on McGuinness Boulevard speed, including one in three truck drivers, one study of the area found.

Man wanted in girl's sex assault

QUEENS. An 11-year-old girl was sexually assaulted while riding her bike in Elmhurst, Queens, police announced yesterday. The girl was out on her bike at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 1. The suspect, below, was also on a bicycle. Police said he approached the girl at Whitney Avenue and Broadway, and asked for her help fixing his bike before sexually assaulting her and fleeing the scene. He was riding a black mountain bike with a black seat and red stripes. METRO/DT



Lance's legacy shattered after damning report

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▶ Evidence amassed in this investigation demonstrated that the "code of silence" regarding drug use has been shattered.

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Several former teammates have already spoken out publicly against Armstrong, but USADA named all 11 for the first time yesterday

Lance Armstrong and his team ran the most sophisticated doping program in sport, according to the United States Anti-Doping Agency which released its report on the case against the U.S. Postal cycling team yesterday.

USADA said it was sending the report, which was more than 1,000 pages long and contained the sworn testimony of 26 people, including 15 riders, to the International Cycling Union, the World Anti-Doping Agency and the World Triathlon Corporation, before making it available on its website.

"The evidence shows beyond any doubt that the US Postal Service Pro Cycling Team ran the most sophisticated, professionalized and successful doping program that sport has ever seen," USADA said in a statement from chief executive Travis Tygart.

The case against Armstrong and his team included eyewitness, documentary, first-hand, scientific, direct and circumstantial evidence. **REUTERS**

"The evidence also includes direct documentary evidence including financial payments, e-mails, scientific data and laboratory test results that further prove the use, possession and distribution of performance-enhancing drugs by Lance Armstrong."

TRAVIS TYGART, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF USADA

News in brief

Americans win Nobel for cell receptor research

STOCKHOLM. Two American scientists won the 2012 Nobel Prize for chemistry yesterday for research into how cells respond to external stimuli that is helping to develop better drugs to fight diseases such as diabetes, cancer and depression.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said the 8 million crown ($1.2 million) prize went to Robert Lefkowitz, 69, and Brian Kobilka, 57, for discovering the inner workings of G-protein-coupled receptors, which allow cells to respond to chemical messages such as adrenaline rushes. **REUTERS**

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▶ Lefkowitz

JPMorgan has lost up to $10 billion on Bear Stearns buy

WASHINGTON. JPMorgan Chase & Co. Chief Executive Jamie Dimon said his company has lost up to $10 billion as a result of the government asking him to buy teetering Wall Street firm Bear Stearns during the financial crisis.

"I'm going to say we've lost $5 billion to $10 billion on various things related to Bear Stearns now. And yes, I put it in the unfair category," Dimon said at a Council on Foreign Relations event.

Last week, JPMorgan was hit with a fresh civil lawsuit from the New York attorney general, seeking to hold the bank accountable for allegations that Bear Stearns deceived investors buying mortgage-backed securities. **REUTERS**

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Fiscal cliff's 'stark' impact: GDP drop

The budgetary cocktail of tax and spending cuts looming at year's end, the so-called "fiscal cliff," could have a serious impact on the economy "unless lawmakers reach a compromise to extend some or all of the temporary tax cuts and postpone mandatory spending cuts."

So writes Joseph Brusuelas, a Bloomberg economist who reports a potential "hit" to the economy of 4 percent in Gross Domestic Product.

"The economic impact of permitting the combined tax and spending measures to expire is stark," he writes in a special Bloomberg Economic Brief.

The gross budgetary impact of inaction is about $607 billion, Brusuelas reports. After lower spending on debt is taken into account, net impact is roughly $560 billion.

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ESTIMATED IMPACT OF 'FISCAL CLIFF'

The confluences of $607 billion in expiring tax and expenditure policies known as the "fiscal cliff" are set to take effect at the end of the year. It could cause an estimated 4 percent drop in Gross Domestic Product unless lawmakers reach a compromise to extend tax cuts and postpone mandatory spending cuts.

Tax changes
(IN BILLIONS)

- **Bush tax cuts:** -$221
- **Two percent cut in payroll tax:** -$95
- **Partial expensing of investment:** -$65
- **Tax provisions: Affordable Health Care Act:** -$18
- **Impact of tax changes: -$400**
- **Gross impact on spending changes:** -$607
- **Less secondary effects on economy:** $47
- **Net impact of fiscal deficit:** -$65
- **Potential hit on GDP:** $4

Spending changes
(IN BILLIONS)

- **Automatic sequestration:** -$65
- **Expiration of emergency unemployment benefits:** -$26
- **Schedule reduction in Medicare rates:** -$11
- **Other revenue increasing/spending reductions:** -$105
- **Impact of spending changes: -$400**

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Facebook fought SEC to keep mobile risks hidden before IPO

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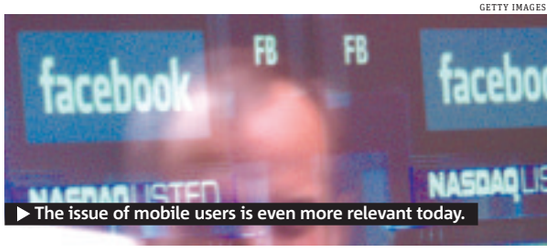

▶ The issue of mobile users is even more relevant today.

When Facebook filed its proposal Feb. 1 to go public, it touted the effectiveness of ads linked to customers' friends, citing research from Nielsen, the audience-counting company.

Barbara Jacobs of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission was skeptical as she vetted the filing to ensure Facebook had disclosed all material information to investors. The claim appeared to be drawn from marketing materials, not a Nielsen study, she wrote. Facebook dropped the reference after initial resistance.

A dozen letters, published a month after the May 17 IPO on the SEC's website, depict a management team hesitant to disclose information and still guessing at even rudimentary aspects of its business just weeks before the company held the largest-ever technology initial public offering. Many of the issues raised by the SEC and now unnerving investors were foreshadowed in the then-private correspondence between the SEC and Facebook.

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Profiting from mobile users?

On the most critical issue facing Facebook's future as a public company, whether it could make money from the soaring number of mobile users, the letters show executives holding back crucial details until the SEC pushed for further disclosure.

Noting that Facebook was counting some mobile users twice, Jacobs wrote on March 22: "Please explain to us how you determined that your metrics are not overstated."

Only eight days before the IPO, on May 9, did Facebook make clear in a filing that daily mobile customers were increasing faster than advertising growth, potentially hurting revenue and profits. It was the strongest public signal that the IPO could fall short of its high expectations. BLOOMBERG

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Anti-European tide sets Britain against Brussels

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▶ Protests outside the Conservative Party conference at the International Convention Centre.

A bloodied figure climbed out of a coffin and lurched across the square screaming at passers-by, as three pale-faced women dressed as witches squawked and wailed.

Welcome to this year's conference of Britain's ruling Conservative Party, where hostility toward the European Union and toward the euro currency has reached new heights.

There is a tradition of resentment of Brussels, dating back to the era of Margaret Thatcher, who demanded and secured a rebate from the EU budget for Britain in the 1980s. Back in 1967, French President Charles de Gaulle accused Britain of a "deep-seated hostility" towards the European project.

The strength of feeling today reflects a growing anti-Europe sentiment among a British public that is often ignorant of the fact the continent accounts for around half Britain's trade and is swayed by a government and media that routinely blame the euro zone for Britain's economic ills.

The mood is forcing policy changes on Prime Minister David Cameron's government, already behind in opinion polls. **REUTERS**

Protest chants

- "We are the zombie euro-zone economies."
- "We are the walking dead. We are Greece, Spain and Ireland. Give us trillions, sir, of your money to help us. Do you feel the contagion? Do you feel the disease?"

In the news

Turkey detains Syrian plane as tension heightens

DAMASCUS. Turkey scrambled fighters and briefly detained a Syrian passenger plane on Wednesday, suspecting it of carrying military equipment from Moscow, while Turkey's military chief warned of a more forceful response if shelling continued to spill over the border.

Military jets escorted the Damascus-bound Airbus A-320, carrying around 30 passengers, into the airport in Ankara hours after Turkey's chief of staff said his troops would respond with greater force if bombardments from Syria kept hitting Turkish territory, Turkish state-run television said.

The conflict threatens to spill over Syria's borders and ignite a wider Middle Eastern war, drawing in neighboring states and pitting Sunni states against Syria's rulers and allies like Shi'ite Iran. More than 18 months into the battle for Syria, an estimated 30,000 people are dead and the country is disintegrating. **REUTERS**

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In the news

Romney won't pursue new abortion laws

Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, in an apparent fresh move toward the political center, said on Tuesday if elected he would not pursue specific legislation targeting abortion.

Romney's comment could be construed as reassuring some women voters who have had reservations about his candidacy. In recent weeks he has taken some steps toward the political center as he tries to attract independent voters before the Nov. 6 election.

Some conservatives would like legislation aimed at limiting abortions, which were legalized in the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"There's no legislation with regards to abortion that I'm familiar with that would become part of my agenda."
ROMNEY

Pressure is on Biden to avoid foot-in-mouth debate moment

He has been stereotyped as the Obama administration's gaffe-prone sideshow.

But Vice President Joe Biden also is a veteran debater who was in the U.S. Senate for a quarter century and is perhaps the Democratic White House's most passionate defender of the working class.

Now, with his debate against Paul Ryan coming up tonight, Biden is under pressure to help President Barack Obama's campaign recapture the momentum it enjoyed before Obama was outmaneuvered by Republican rival Mitt Romney last week in the first of their three debates. With the Romney-Ryan campaign energized, Democrats are in the surprising position of relying on Biden, a perpetual political wild card, to fire up their campaign. **REUTERS**

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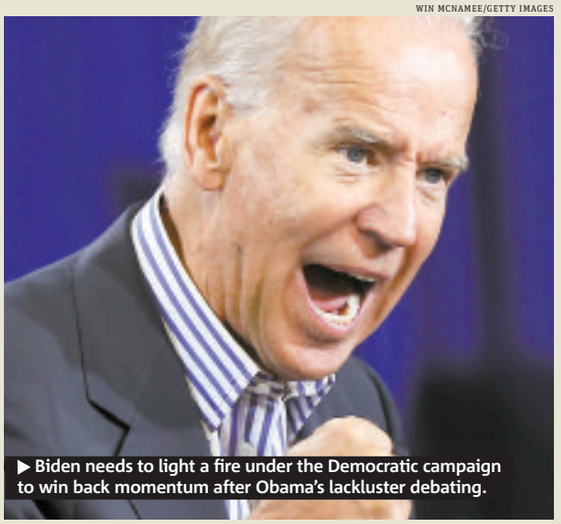

▶ Biden needs to light a fire under the Democratic campaign to win back momentum after Obama's lackluster debating.

The heat is on

It will be up to Biden, far more comfortable than Obama in the role of aggressor, to fill in the blanks on what Democrats say are Romney's shifting positions.

Biden could be well suited to the role. He was a sharper performer than Obama when they debated as presidential candidates during the 2008 Democratic primaries. The former Delaware senator's blunt talking style makes him a particularly effective communicator with blue-collar voters. Biden said he had been studying Republican campaign positions and promised to hold Ryan accountable while sticking to the facts. **REUTERS**

A tale of two Ryans

Will he be a budget hawk ...

Ryan made a name for himself as a bold fiscal crusader willing to make big cuts.

Congressman Paul Ryan made a name for himself in Congress by being willing to make unpopular cuts to entitlements to get finances in order. But since becoming Romney's running mate, Ryan has become more prudent, avoiding detailed discussion of his plan and earning the nickname "mini-Mitt" for displaying a cautious streak like his boss. **REUTERS**

"You have to remember ... there's one presidential candidate. There's one person at the top of the ticket."
SPOKESMAN KEVIN MADDEN

Or yield to popular demand?

He's played it safe and followed Romney's lead since joining the campaign.

Five things to watch

Vice presidential debates usually don't matter much, but today's showdown between Democratic incumbent Joe Biden and Republican challenger Paul Ryan could be an exception.

1. **Fireworks**: Biden and Ryan have shown a greater willingness to mix it up than their buttoned-down bosses, and both seem comfortable playing the traditional vice presidential role of attack dog.
2. **Liar, liar**: Democrats feel that Obama let too many of Romney's assertions on taxes, health care and other topics go unchallenged during the first debate. Biden has said he won't let any questionable claims go undisputed.
3. **Medicare**: Ryan built his reputation on a proposal that would partially privatize Medicare. Expect Biden to come out swinging on that one.
4. **Foreign policy**: Ryan will be well-briefed on the ins and outs of foreign affairs. But in Biden, he'll be facing a former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.
5. **Four years later**: Both men have a strong chance of being considered for nomination to the nation's highest office in 2016. **REUTERS**

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EXPANSION: TO COMPANY WAISTLINES

The Romney-Ryan campaign has trotted out the same tired old jobs program that Republicans have been pushing for decades — cut taxes on businesses and they'll use the extra money to hire more people. We heard this in last week's debate, when Mitt Romney argued that "if we lower that rate, they will be able to hire more people." Disturbingly, instead of refuting this fairy tale, President Obama responded by championing all the ways he has already cut taxes on businesses, implicitly conceding that tax cuts do create jobs.

But tax cuts don't create jobs — at least, not in this economy. The dirty secret of the "tax cuts equal jobs" argument is that it assumes that whenever a business gets extra money, it will use it to expand. After all, expanding is how businesses can afford to hire new people.

However, a business can only expand when it anticipates more sales. If we had an economy where wages were increasing, unemployment was low and people weren't saddled with debt, it would make sense to expand and try to sell more people more stuff. But in this economy, where wages have shrunk, unemployment is high and poverty has skyrocketed to a 52-year record, people simply can't afford to buy more stuff, no matter how many people you hire to try and sell it.

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Meanwhile, corporate profits this year were nearly $2 trillion — higher than they've ever been, and more than double what they were a decade ago. At the same time, those same corporations have hoarded $2.2 trillion worth of cash in their corporate treasuries. In other words, corporations are just sitting on more than a year's worth of profits. If businesses have all this extra money, why aren't they expanding, and what good would it do to give them even more money to hoard from tax cuts?

When small businesses were asked in a Gallup poll earlier this year to give the reasons why they weren't hiring, 71 percent said that sales don't justify adding employees, while only 46 percent cited taxes and regulations.

Clearly, the way to get businesses hiring is not to syphon even more money out of the economy and into corporate vaults; it's to stimulate demand.

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

On the menu: Diet moose meat

The increasingly plastic **Sarah Palin** is writing a diet and fitness book, according to an e-mail she sent People. "Our family is writing a book on fitness and self-discipline focusing on where we get our energy and balance as we still eat our beloved homemade comfort foods!" she wrote.

The e-mail seems slightly fishy; Palin never confirmed which publishing house is publishing the book and when it will be out on the shelves. "We promise you what we do works and allows a fulfilling quality of life and sustenance anyone can enjoy," she wrote.

Interesting, because in 2010 Palin attacked First Lady **Michelle Obama**'s Let's Move! campaign on **Laura Ingraham**'s radio show. "Take her anti-obesity thing that she is on," Palin said. "She is on this kick. What she is telling us is she cannot trust parents to make decisions for their own children, for their own families, in what we should eat," she said.

And Sarah Palin's slow transformation from a political heavyweight into a Real Housewife continues.

NBC PICTURES

▶ "Stars Earn Stripes" cast member Todd Palin is joined by Sarah Palin at NBC's TCA Party in July.

Beyonce drops out of Eastwood film

Beyonce has decided to bow out of **Clint Eastwood**'s long-planned remake of "A Star is Born," according to E! News. "I was looking forward to the production of 'A Star is Born' and the opportunity to work with Clint Eastwood," the singer says. "For months we tried to coordinate our schedules to bring this remake to life, but it was just not possible. Hopefully in the future we will get a chance to work together."

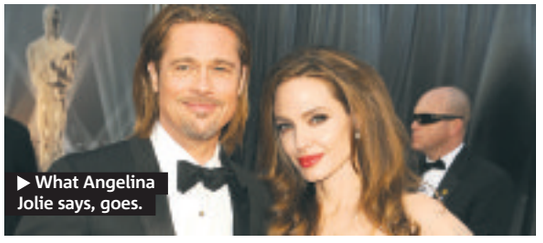
You kind of feel like Beyonce is leaving something out in this press release. "I was looking forward to the opportunity to work with Clint Eastwood ... before he went rogue on an empty chair during the Republican National Convention. Now, I'm scared."

Beyonce

Talking points

Pitt puts family first

Before **Brad Pitt** signs up for a role, he has to get the idea past a particularly tough panel of judges: **Angelina Jolie** and their six children. "I want it to be worthy enough of a story to leave the family, you know? They're everything. The family is first," Pitt tells Guy Ritchie in a chat for Interview magazine. "I also don't want to embarrass them." He also plans on taking more time off between roles going forward. "I'm not good at going back-to-back-to-back-to-back with movies, and it's just now that I'm starting to get my bearings again and a flavor for what's next," he says. "It's just about discovery now and finding something new that's interesting to me."



▶ What Angelina Jolie says, goes.

Jackson's lawyers go after Vanity Fair

Janet Jackson's lawyer is calling foul on a Vanity Fair article that claims she delayed brother **Michael Jackson**'s funeral until she was reimbursed the $40,000 deposit she'd put down to secure his burial plot, according to Us Weekly. Jackson's lawyer, **Blair G. Brown**, calls the story "false and defamatory" in a letter to the magazine. "Ms. Jackson never delayed the funeral in any way, " Brown writes. "To falsely accuse Ms. Jackson of holding up her brother's funeral over money is outrageous. This story is particularly hurtful and distressing because of Ms. Jackson's strong desire to serve her brother, whom she loved dearly, and her wish to stand with and support her family."

▶ Styles

Styles isn't a womanizer, but is flirty

One Direction's **Harry Styles** is settling into his heartthrob status, admitting that he's "quite flirty" in an interview with Seventeen magazine. "Maybe [I'm] too flirty. I'm an 18-year-old boy, and I like to have fun," he admits, though he draws the line at being described as girl-crazy. "I wouldn't say girl-crazy, because that makes me sound like a bit of a womanizer."

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The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Today, Goldie Hawn had an unexpected houseguest, Jonah Hill doesn't feel too proper, Seth MacFarlane is up on pop culture and Conan O'Brien just wants it to end.

@goldiehawn
A 350 lbs Bear broke in2 our house, emptied the fridge, destroyed kitchen left a lovely present on the floor and took off! Would've made Him dinner and given him a doggy bag!

@JonahHill
I might be the least British person alive.

@SethMacFarlane
I'm a fan of all Margaret Cho's work, but I think Gangnam Style might be the coolest thing she's ever done.

@ConanOBrien
I'm in London right now. You won't believe this, but there's still a few minutes left in the Olympic closing ceremonies.

O'Brien

Men (and two women) in black

1 **Tim Burton** posed at the "Frankenweenie" photocall on Wednesday in London.

2 **Rose Byrne** attended the celebration of Chanel Fine Jewelry's 80th anniversary of the "Bijoux De Diamants" collection created by Gabrielle Chanel on Tuesday in New York City.

3 **Kevin James** attended the "Here Comes The Boom" premiere at AMC Loews Lincoln Square on Tuesday in New York.

4 **Ricky Gervais** was snapped in London on Wednesday.

5 **George Clooney** attended the "Argo" screening on Tuesday in New York City.

6 **John Paul Jones** and **Jason Bonham** attended the afterparty for "Led Zeppelin: Celebration Day" at Monkey Bar on Tuesday in New York City.

7 **Grace Gummer** also showed up at the "Argo" screening.

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10 MOVIES TO CHECK OUT

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▶ Ben Affleck plays "ex-filtration" CIA operative Tony Mendez in "Argo."

1 'Argo'
Ben Affleck directs and stars in this engaging thriller about six American Foreign Service workers trapped in the home of a Canadian Ambassador during the 1979 Iranian hostage crisis. Affleck plays the "ex-filtrator" that hatches a long-shot plan to get them out.

2 'Seven Psychopaths'
An alcoholic screenwriter (Colin Farrell) doesn't have to look far for inspiration when penning a new film about seven deranged individuals, considering his best friend (Sam Rockwell) steals dogs for a living.

3 'Sinister'
Prepare to be spooked by this haunting tale about a crime writer who moves his family into the home that was the scene of gruesome family murders. The research soon becomes all too consuming.

4 'Here Comes the Boom'
Star Kevin James and director Frank Coraci, the pair that brought you 2011's "The Zookeeper," return with the story of a teacher (James) who attempts becoming a mixed martial arts specialist in order to raise money for his struggling school.

5 'Taken 2'
Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace and Famke Janssen return for a second installment in this Luc Besson franchise about an ex-CIA operative (Neeson) who comes out of retirement to save his child and ex-wife, who are abducted during a trip to Istanbul.

6 'Frankenweenie'
Tim Burton returns to his lovely, creepy world of animation. Winona Ryder, Martin Short and Catherine O'Hara lend their voices to this tale about a boy who hopes to bring his dog back to life through a bizarre experiment.

7 'Looper'
Starring Bruce Willis, Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Emily Blunt, this thriller follows an assassin who finds that he is meant to kill his older self. Only Doc Brown could explain what this does to the space-time continuum.

8 'Hotel Transylvania'
Even spooky monsters need a vacation. While their destination of choice may be the eponymous lodge, the creepy-crawly community is threatened by humans who wish to stay at the resort as well. Adam Sandler and his usual crowd — Kevin James (again), David Spade, etc. — helm this animated picture.

9 'Won't Back Down'
Just in time to feed off the energy of irate parents and teachers, this David and Goliath story is about a powerful school bureaucracy and the parents and teachers (Viola Davis, Maggie Gyllenhaal) who wish to change it.

10 'End of Watch'
Jake Gyllenhaal and Michael Pena star as beat cops who are in over their heads when they start messing with a drug ring. METRO

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Heroism comes at a price

Scott Speedman plays a submarine officer who disobeys orders and becomes an enemy of the state But there are more dangerous adversaries than the US military on 'Last Resort'

We're pretty sure actor Scott Speedman has the power to broker peace negotiations with a simple glance. Of course, in the role of XO Sam Kendal on "Last Resort," it will take more than the 37-year-old's mesmerizing blue eyes to get his submarine crew out of trouble, considering war was triggered when he refused strange orders to bomb Pakistan. The morality and heart Speedman brings to the role will help as he goes toe-to-toe with the commanding Andre Braugher, who plays the captain of the sub. Their relationship is central to the series — just as important as the mystery surrounding the United States' decision to turn on its own. Speedman explains.

What's the dynamic between Sam and Captain Marcus Chaplin (Andre Braugher)?

▶ Scott Speedman stars as XO Sam Kendal on "Last Resort." The drama airs Thursdays at 8 p.m. on ABC.

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That's where a lot of the dramatic tension on the show comes from. [The characters] are very close. You find out that Andre's character has really nothing to lose; he really has no family to fall back on, so he's making all these gambles. Meanwhile, I'm relatively young and have a wife waiting for me at home. It's been really fun to play with that and to deal with that male bonding relationship and tearing that up.

We've already seen the U.S. attacking the submarine, the crew turning on each other and a militia on the island prepared to fight the sailors who are seeking safety there. Who's the biggest enemy?

For Sam specifically, ultimately, the most interesting enemy I can have is the captain. The more generic choices are there but the more interesting rival will be Marcus Chaplin, the father figure, the mentor. But you have the Navy Seals [who boarded the submarine and seem to have their own agenda]; you have Robert Patrick's character [the sub's uncooperative Master Chief Joseph Prosser], which is an interesting character to play off of. I much prefer when [the crew is working] as a unit as opposed to using some of the [supporting characters] as enemies.

What's Sam's biggest motivation right now?

A big thrust of the show is my character trying to get home. But really, Sam wants to stay alive long enough to clear his name. He's spent all this time getting to where he is in his life and it's all being ripped away from him. He wants to get home to be with his wife, but he's also really intent on clearing his name.

Is there heroism in disobedience?

"Of course," Speedman says. "I love that aspect of the show. That's really what drew me to the character. He's not just this hero-type guy; even when facing a tough decision, no matter what the consequences, he's still going to try to do the right thing. These guys, they spend 10 years getting orders and following them. They're preparing for this moment — that's what they do in the nuclear submarine — then the order comes and they don't do it. It was an interesting moment to play, for sure."

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TV watch list

'Beauty and the Beast'

DRAMA. Kristin Kreuk stars as a cop whose life was saved by a mysterious stranger (Jay Ryan) who later reveals some shocking secrets — like the one about military experiments that have turned him into a Hulk-ish monster. **Series premiere, 9 p.m., The CW**

'It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia'

COMEDY. Dennis and Dee are two people who should never have say in the decision to end an ailing man's life — even if it is their Nazi grandfather on his deathbed. **Season premiere, 10 p.m., FX**

'The Vampire Diaries'

DRAMA. Elena turns into a vampire at the same time the town council vows to eliminate the undead. **Season premiere, 8 p.m., The CW** ● AMBER RAY

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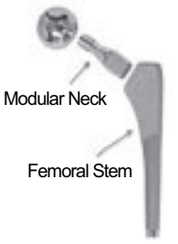

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We're loving designer Nanette Lepore's limited edition cat-eye sunglasses for the CFDA 2012 Design Series for Vogue Eyewear that will launch exclusively at Sunglass Hut next week. For her inspiration, Lepore looked to glamorous stars from the '20s and got some help from starlet Emma Roberts, her muse for the shades.

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▶ You don't have to be so blase about wanting a committed relationship.

We've come to approach "relationships" like they're four-letter words — we're so quick to tell people we don't want one. Complete independence seems to be our ultimate goal because, you know, who wants to be the loser that's actually looking for a relationship? If it happens "organically" (whatever that means) it's fine. But whether you're a guy or girl, seeking one out is entirely uncool.

It's funny we act this way, because this anti-relationship stance runs completely counter to our biology and everything we know about what makes us happy. Humans are deeply connected beings. Darwin believed that our social nature is what allows us to thrive as a species. Study after study show that people are not only happier, but physically healthier and live longer if they're in relationships. Your risk of everything from depression to cancer to getting the flu is decreased significantly when there is a significant other in your life.

Yet, we find it so embarrassing to admit that we want a relationship — when this is a totally normal and healthy thing to want. Having an "incapacity for love" and "impersonal sex life" are literally two of the 16 characteristics used to diagnose a psychopath. How did we get to this point of convincing ourselves that approaching romantic relationships like we're mentally ill was the "rational" thing to do? It's not. It undermines our happiness, and it denies the essence of what separates us from lower animals — our ability to form deep romantic connections.

Getting real

Your life isn't a rom-com, and being a commitment-phobe doesn't earn you bonus points anywhere. Sure, you can convince yourself that the excitement of casual sex is enough to override your true biological urges. But in the end, the person you're screwing by doing this is yourself. We're all looking for relationships (or at least we should be). And maybe that feels like an uncool and pathetic thing to admit. But hey, at least we're all uncool and pathetic together.

*— **Amber Madison** is a Manhattan-based relationship expert and dating coach. She is the author of 'Are All Guys Assholes?' for which she traveled the country, spoke to over 1,000 men and discovered that the answer to this question is no. You can follow her on Twitter **@ambermadi** or online at **www.ambermadisononline.com***

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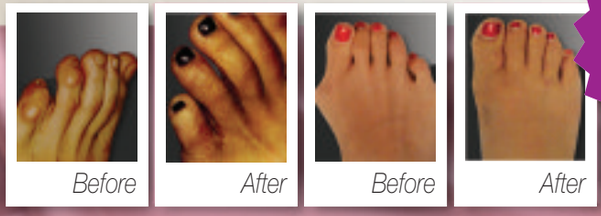

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America: Look out for those in need

Why do Americans believe that the rich and famous should be in charge of this great country? Former President George W. Bush gave huge tax breaks to the rich and it did absolutely nothing for the economy.

Why? Because this economy revolves around spending and the rich do not need to spend it — and if they do, do you think it will be on small businesses? Give the huge tax breaks to the lower income people who will spend it.

I always hear that health care will bankrupt the nation. Yet we do not want to do anything about it. Why? The insurance companies do not want this. It will cut into their huge profits. These insurance companies are doing everything to ensure that Obamacare is rejected by Americans. Everyone should have a place to live, food on the table and health insurance — and all the necessities of life. Do not be greedy, look out for your fellow Americans.

DENNIS NASCIMENTO, VIA E-MAIL

Can you have two third parties?

Let us recap: In the debate Romney kind of said he was going to have "growth" policy, give everyone a 20 percent tax cut, repeal Obamacare, create 12 million jobs, put Iran on "notice," tell China something, fire PBS and increase "defense" spending while Obama tried to explain what he did, how things work, how more people will have health insurance with a complicated savings of some $7 billion from one plan into the other and how more jobs are being created rather than lost like in the previous administration. So the choice is very clear: There is a right-wing third party (Gary Johnson) and a left-wing third party candidate (Jill Stein) on the ballot even if neither were invited at the privately financed and tax-exempt commission on presidential debate.

SUZY SANDOR, VIA E-MAIL

Big Bird brings levity to campaigns

Although this Big Bird episode must come to an end now, it did serve to lighten up what so far has been a very long, heavy, cumbersome presidential campaign. It also reinforced the fact that the Republican Party has absolutely no sense of humor.

BOB SIKSO, VIA E-MAIL

Obama selective of who deserves help

Claiming President Obama "agitated" the protestors in Cairo is, to be nice, unfair and to be mean — just flat out verifiably untrue. Those protestors were agitated from years of autocratic rule that oppressed their natural rights. However, when Iranian protestors were challenging the election results that left Ahmedinejad in power in 2009, President Obama, by then a Nobel Prize winner, was silent and did not want to be involved in another nation undergoing a crisis. Why did Obama have no problem supporting the overthrow of a pro-American Egyptian regime but remained neutral in the attempted overthrow of an anti-American Iran? You are correct in criticizing the president, but you are doing it for the wrong reasons.

KEVIN METZ, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Left to your own devices, you'll perform your tasks quite well. It could be another story, however, if you're pressured into taking on assignments.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** When the stakes are quite high, there is no question that you will do what needs to be done with skill. Given minor things to handle, however, and you'll make a hash of things.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** There's a good chance that success will be denied you if you don't make allowances for contingencies.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** When it comes to issues that you don't know much about, don't take an unyielding position. Should you be challenged, your lack of knowledge could prove embarrassing.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Whatever you do, don't allow yourself to be drawn into the financial morass of a friend who can't manage his or her funds. You're likely to end up paying for this person's mistake.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** In order to protect yourself in a joint endeavor you have with another, it's imperative you make your views known right up front, or else decisions might be made that bypass your interests.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Hopefulness and optimism are needed in all of our lives, but you can't leave out realism either. It takes a lot more than just wishful thinking to make things happen the way we want them to.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Accept people for who they are, and not for what they can do for you. If your motives are purely self-serving, it will quickly be perceived and you'll look bad in the eyes of others.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** It's not unheard of for family members to pull in different directions, which could happen today. It takes harmony of purpose to get anything done.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Flow with events, instead of resisting changes that others want to make. If you work with them, things will turn out well in the long run.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** When it comes to money matters, take nothing for granted. There's a chance you could involve yourself in something that has undisclosed costs.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Although your chart shows you to be a good organizer, this is not so when it comes to delegation. If you give a job to anyone, be sure that he or she has the ability to effectively carry it out. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

Across
1 Bath powder
5 Coin-flip result
10 Long-tailed animals
14 Tibet's place
15 Bauxite giant
16 Sufficient, in verse
17 Roman foe
18 Had status
19 Like most sportscasts
20 Cutting tools
22 River mammal
23 Scottish philosopher
24 Hockey structure
26 Einstein type
29 Ready for the prom
33 Dangerous mosquito
34 Hardly a wallflower
35 — excellence
36 Bear's pad
37 Dinnerware item
38 A kiss in Granada
39 Rapper Dr. —
40 Throat clearers
41 Golfer's yells
42 Self-satisfaction
44 Gauges
45 Rainy weather systems
46 Make turbid
48 Land of Sancho Panza
51 Artist's choice (2 wds.)
55 Northern Iraq resident
56 Pseudonym
58 Deviate
59 Type of eagle
60 Fake diamonds
61 Paul Drake's creator
62 Garden intruder
63 Globe feature
64 Starfish arms

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1 Rpm measurer
2 Between ports
3 Cheery tone
4 More appealing
5 Sheik's bevy
6 Buoy up
7 Circus routines
8 Forest grazer
9 Crestfallen
10 Unfroze
11 No future — —
12 Bay
13 Basin adjunct
21 Attila's subjects
22 Curved molding
24 Splinter groups
25 Linchpin site
26 Loses hair
27 Buy new guns
28 Farewell
29 Stagecoach pullers
30 Wagner genre
31 Palette adjunct
32 Smelting waste
34 Make holy
37 Relieved sigh
38 Lose one's temper (2 wds.)
40 Presently
41 Acct. insurer
43 Coasted along
46 Gaucho's rope
47 "Full House" twin
48 Falsify the data
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53 Air France hub
54 Hearty loaves
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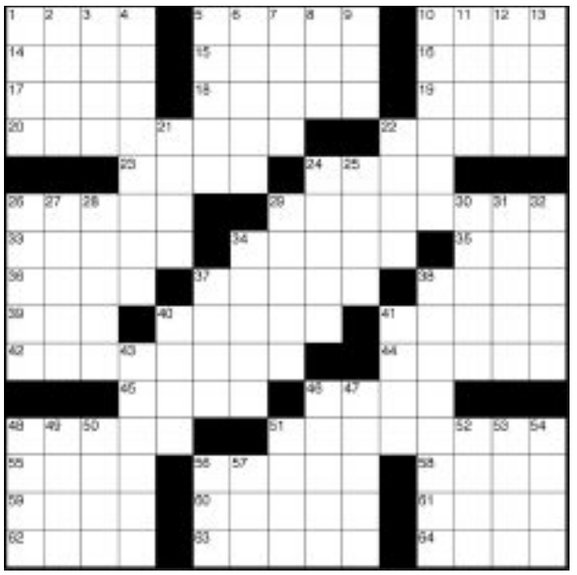

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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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3 Festive new seasonal beers

- Pumpkin ales are a dime a dozen in the fall
- These seasonals are a tastier alternative

The brews

1 Narragansett Beer Tallboy Tasting Flight: Who doesn't love a tasty tallboy? Try out Narragansett's award-winning seasonal favorite, Narragansett Fest, as part of its new tasting pack. Sample its popular seasonals Fest and Bock as well as Cream Ale and Lager, two of its year-round favorites.

2 Samuel Smith's Organic Chocolate Stout: This is one of our favorites of the year: The stout's malt is dark roasted, with the organic chocolate mixed with barley, creating a thick and delicious brew.

3 Boxcar Pumpkin Porter: Pumpkin ales are everywhere in the fall, but most are so cloyingly sweet you can't even finish a whole pint. The seasonal Boxcar Pumpkin Porter is a delightful, balanced porter and has the unique distinction of being one of the only (if not the only) pumpkin porters on the market.

Also try

Budweiser 'Project 12' Sampler Pack

After a summer of sampling specially-made small batches created by Budweiser's 12 brewmasters, the beer giant is releasing the best-received three recipes in a sampler pack. The three beers are named for the ZIP code where they originated and use the same strain of yeast Budweiser has used since 1876

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Restaurant news

Wine news

Though there's a free edition available, springing for the $3 version of Wine Spectator's new WineRatings+ App lets you search more than 270,000 wines by price, producer and more. It's available in the iTunes App Store.

Not to be outdone, Wine Enthusiast is out to make your next shopping trip a bit easier with its just-released Top 100 Best Buys of 2012. Each varietal featured has an SRP of $15 or less; see the list at **www.winemag.com.**

Free food alert

Ladies, hit the Flatiron Hotel for free — yup, free — tapas every night at the hotel's Toshi's Living Room & Penthouse (9 W. 26th St.). "Hard working women deserve more than free peanuts or chips at the bar," says owner Robert "Toshi" Chan, our new favorite person ever.

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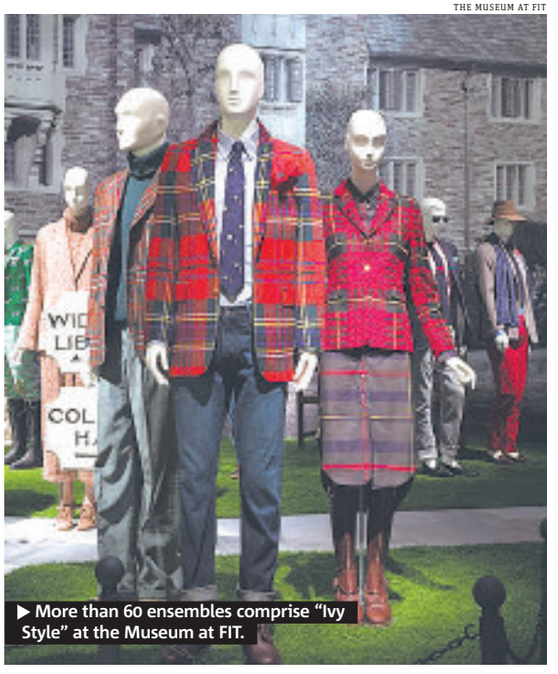
THE MUSEUM AT FIT



▶ More than 60 ensembles comprise "Ivy Style" at the Museum at FIT.

"Ivy Style"
Now through Jan. 15, Museum at FIT, 295 Seventh Ave., Free
Traveling the ages of Ivy fashion — from the days of mandatory coat and tie at Yale to the revival of Bean Boots and Barbour Coats — this exhibit celebrates the role of college campuses in defining the prep look. **ELANA LEOPOLD**

NIGHTLIFE

The Vice Presidential Debate
Tonight, 9-11 p.m.
The Bell House
149 Seventh St., Gowanus, Free
Come up with a fun drinking game for every time Biden makes a gaffe, and hold your breath waiting to see if Ryan snaps and just starts spouting off Ayn Rand quotes. **JASON DIAMOND**

Mishka's Death NYC Release
Friday, 7-9 p.m., The Flat, 350 Broadway, Williamsburg, Free
Dark and weird fashion collective Mishka are releasing a deathly cool new hat and shirt in collaboration with Atlanta's FRESH.i.AM, and to celebrate, they're throwing a party with the rock-star kids in Ninjasonik. **RUSS MARSHALEK**

Music

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▶ The highly influential and musically adventurous PiL were active throughout the '80s and early '90s and reunited in 2009, financed by money Johnny Lydon earned from a butter commercial. It doesn't get more punk than that.

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Saturday, 7 p.m., Hammerstein Ballroom, 311 W. 34th St., $50/$45 advance

There's no denying the importance of the Sex Pistols when talking about the history of punk and rock 'n' roll, but it was the band Johnny Lydon started after the Pistols that he did his best work with. **JD**

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A 17-day window into the contemporary international film scene, the festival's Main Slate includes new work from notable directors Abbas Kiarostami, Olivier Assayas, Noah Baumbach, Sally Potter, Leos Carax and Michael Haneke. **MINDY BOND**

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TODAY

▶ **Astor Hours Cocktails** at The Public Theater with Andrew Carmellini & Friends ($95)
▶ Bank of America presents **On The Chopping Block: A Roast of Anthony Bourdain,** hosted by Mario Batali & Willie Geist, produced by Carolines on Broadway ($400)
▶ Danyelle Freeman with Joey Campanaro, Floyd Cardoz, Dan Kluger and Karen De Masco host Bank of America Dinner Series **Try This: Traveling the Globe Without Leaving the Table,** sponsored by Wine Spectator ($250)
▶ Whole Foods Market presents **Shake & Bake** with Whoopi Goldberg, Art Smith and guest DJ Questlove ($145)

TOMORROW

▶ Sandra Lee

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▶ GODIVA presents **SWEET! Celebrating Five Years of NYCWFF,** sponsored by ZED Moscato Rose, hosted by Sandra Lee with special guests ($150)
▶ **Mile End Shabbat Dinner** ($200)
▶ **Rock & Roll with Morimoto and Friends — A Sushi and Karaoke Soiree,** presented by Eater ($150)
▶ Roy Choi and Jean-Georges & Marja Vongerichten host Bank of America Dinner Series **Coast 2 Coast Korean-inspired dinner,** sponsored by Wine Spectator ($300)
▶ Thrillist's **BBQ and The Blues,** hosted by Rocco DiSpirito ($125)

Cocktail of the week

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The 'ZEDini'

The "ZEDini" is being served at GODIVA presents SWEET! Celebrating Five Years of NYCWFF, sponsored by ZED Moscato Rose, hosted by Sandra Lee:

INGREDIENTS
1 oz. mango juice or mango puree
3 oz. ZED Sparkling Moscato Rose

INSTRUCTIONS
Pour juice or puree into a champagne flute. Slowly add ZED. Sip and sigh.

— ZED Moscato

SATURDAY

▶ **Beer Glass Tasting** with Spiegelau & Captain Lawrence Seminar, hosted by FOOD & WINE ($110)
▶ **Blackberry Farm Brunch** ($150)
▶ **Brooklyn's Backyard** presented by PURE LEAF, hosted by Adam Richman ($150)
▶ **Chef Meets Farmer Lunch** with Ben Pollinger ($100)
▶ **Fun and Fit in the City,** presented by Target, hosted by Guy Fieri ($22)
▶ Gerard Bertrand Legend Vintages, **Six Decades Of Sweet Stories Wine Seminars,** hosted by FOOD & WINE ($110)
▶ **Grand Tasting,** presented by ShopRite with KitchenAid Culinary Demonstrations, presented by MasterCard ($195)
▶ **Hot Cocktails from the Kitchen at The Lambs Club** ($100)
▶ International Culinary Center presents Master Classes: **Chocolate Making Class** with Jacques Torres ($200)
▶ **Modern Day Jewish Food,** hosted by Kutsher's with Josh Wesson, and pairing seminars, hosted by FOOD & WINE ($85)
▶ Panel Discussion: **"How Chefs Eat ... and Stay Slim"** ($20)
▶ **Pickles and Marinades —The Korean Way,** hosted by Roy Choi with Mark Oldman, pairing seminars hosted by FOOD & WINE ($85)
▶ **Times Talks — Bobby Flay & Giada De Laurentiis:** Food Stars ($35)
▶ **Times Talks — Marcus Samuelsson:** Chasing Flavors ($35)
▶ **Times Talks — Nathan Myhrvold:** Master of Modernist Cuisine ($35)
▶ **Times Talks** — A Conversation with **Paula Deen** ($35)

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▶ Giada De Laurentiis

SUNDAY

▶ Charles Phan hosts **Opening The Slanted Door dinner** ($175)
▶ **Duckhorn Wine Seminars,** hosted by FOOD & WINE ($110)
▶ **Gin Revolution!** at The Vault at Pfaff's ($65)
▶ **Grand Tasting,** presented by ShopRite with KitchenAid Culinary Demonstrations, presented by MasterCard ($195)
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▶ **Rustic Italian Food dinner,** hosted by Marc Vetri and Mark Ladner ($200)
▶ **Paula Deen Brunch,** hosted by Paula Deen, Bobby Deen and Jamie Deen ($150)
▶ **Red Farm Dim Sum/ Dumpling Seminar,** hosted by Ed Schoenfeld & Joe Ng with Josh Wesson, and pairing seminars, hosted by FOOD & WINE ($85)
▶ **The Art of the Sandwich,** hosted by Sara Jenkins with Anthony Giglio, and pairing seminars, hosted by FOOD & WINE ($85)
▶ The New York Times and Save Me, San Francisco Wine Co. present **Trucks & Train,** hosted by Andrew Zimmern ($200)
▶ **Torrisi Family Dinner Seminar** hosted by Torrisi & Parm with Ray Isle, and pairing seminars, hosted by FOOD & WINE ($85)
▶ **Undiscovered Bordeaux,** hosted by Ray Isle Wine, with seminars hosted by FOOD & WINE ($110)
▶ **Whimsical Indulgence Brunch,** featuring Gabrielle Hamilton and Hedy Goldsmith ($150)
▶ Whole Foods Market presents **Sandwich Showdown** with Jeff Mauro ($125)

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Songza playlist

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▶ Isaac Hayes' hot buttered soul is an integral part of the Instrumental Soul Groove playlist.

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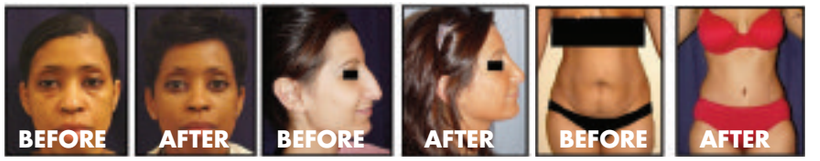

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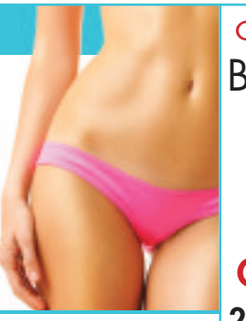

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Ibanez wins it for Bombers with pinch-hit home run in ninth, walk off in 12th Yankees take 2-1 lead in series Kuroda, bullpen strong in win

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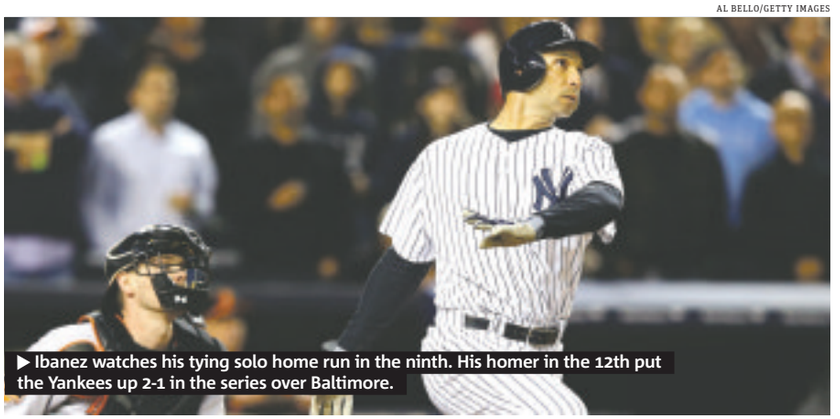

▶ Ibanez watches his tying solo home run in the ninth. His homer in the 12th put the Yankees up 2-1 in the series over Baltimore.

The Yankees were two outs away from facing a barrage of questions about facing elimination after their inability to hit Miguel Gonzalez. Then Joe Girardi decided to pinch hit for Alex Rodriguez with Raul Ibanez.

After hitting a one-out, solo home run in the ninth off Jim Johnson, Ibanez did it again in the 12th by hitting the first pitch into the right-field second deck off Brian Matusz, giving the Yankees a dramatic, 3-2 victory and putting them on the brink of advancing to the ALCS.

Until Ibanez turned on Johnson's 1-0 fastball and sent it into the right-field seats, it was a rough night for the Yankee bats. They mustered just five hits off Gonzalez, struggling against the rookie starter for the third time at home since July 30.

Perhaps the Yankee having the most difficult night was Rodriguez. Rodriguez went 0-for-3 with two strikeouts off Gonzalez and is now 1-for-12 with seven strikeouts in the series after Girardi kept him as the team's third-place hitter despite loud clamoring from some fans.

The Yankees can close out the series in Game 4 tonight. Phil Hughes will start.

8.1 Hiroki Kuroda gave the Yankees 8 1/3 strong innings in his first postseason start in pinstripes. He allowed two solo homers.

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What we learned ...

1 **Jeter banged up** — Derek Jeter left the game early after fouling a ball off his foot. He stayed in the game for a few innings — and an at-bat — but was eventually replaced by Jayson Nix.

2 **The new Manny** — The Orioles might have the Yankee killer named Manny now. Rookie Manny Machado hit one of the two solo homers off Yankees starter Hiroki Kuroda. He's been compared to A-Rod, but he was much better last night.

3 **Nothing short** — We won't need to find out about Phil Hughes under pressure vs. CC Sabathia on short rest. Sabathia will be ready for the Yankees on full rest for a Game 5 if needed.

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39.3 Receiving yards per game for Mario Manningham

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Familiar faces play host to Giants

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▶ Manningham had four catches for 26 yards and a touchdown last week against Buffalo.

The Giants know they are facing a Super Bowl-level team when they head to San Francisco this weekend to face the 49ers.

Two members of the Niners were right there with them last February.

Mario Manningham, who signed with San Francisco this offseason, made the biggest catch of Super Bowl XLVI, while Brandon Jacobs, who signed prior to the season as well, rushed for 47 yards in the win.

"Definitely looking forward to [seeing them]," Giants wide receiver Victor Cruz said. "I miss those guys a little bit, haven't seen them in a while. I still send text messages to them every now and then. It's going to be cool to see those guys again."

Brandon Jacobs has struggled with injuries — he's questionable for Sunday — and hasn't been happy he's yet to play this season. But Manningham spoke with the New York media yesterday and sounded thrilled at being with the Niners.

"I couldn't ask for a better team — better teammates, better coaching staff, equipment managers, everybody else," Manningham said. "Everybody over here is real cool, and down-to-earth."

But don't expect Manningham to be parading around the 49ers' facility with his Super Bowl ring.

"I just tell my ring to try to hold tight," he said. "I hope another one comes near you, that's all. Try to wipe the dust off of it. I've got it hidden right now."

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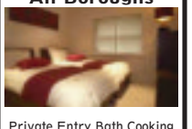
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